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5 Invention: DEVICE FOR PREVENTING UNINTENTIONAL REMOVAL OF AN END OF A
6 GUITAR STRAP FROM AN ENLARGED GUITAR STRAP PEG OF A GUITAR

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17 AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115

18 Sir:

19 In response to Office Action, dated 2002-04-04, kindly amend the
20 above identified application as follows:

21 IN THE CLAIMS (clean copy)

22 Keep claims 5-9 and 11 unchanged; cancel claims 1-3, 10 and 12; and
23 rewrite claims 4 and 13 as follows:

24 4. (Amended) A device for preventing unintentional removal of a slot
25 in an end of a guitar strap from an engaged guitar strap peg of a
26 guitar, wherein the engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar has a
27 neck that extends from the guitar, to an end, and has a contour and
28 a thickness, and wherein the engaged guitar strap peg of the guitar
29 further has a head that extends radially outwardly from the end of